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Dear Mr. Henderson:

Thank you very much for sending me a copy of  
China Crosses the Yalu: The Decision to Enter the  
Korean War.

I appreciate your thoughtfulness in making  
this book available to me and I hope to read it  
very shortly.

Again, many thanks and with kindest regards,

Sincerely,

Allen W. Dulles  
Director

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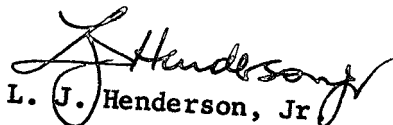
Dear Mr. Dulles:

I thought you might like to have a personal copy of the latest book to be published in the RAND series, China Crosses the Yalu: The Decision To Enter the Korean War, by Allen S. Whiting. This work was done under USAF Project RAND and distributed as a RAND Report. We arranged for the present, commercial edition because we felt that the book made a significant contribution to our understanding of China's role in the Korean War, and should be brought to the attention of a larger audience.

The author demonstrates that Communist China's intervention in the Korean War decisively affected China's subsequent world position: it changed the Chinese leadership's evaluation of their country's role in Asia, the nature of the Sino-Soviet alliance, and Peking's policy toward the West, particularly the United States. Drawing heavily on Chinese Communist press sources, Mr. Whiting has isolated the various factors and calculations that prompted decision-makers in Peking to intervene in Korea. Moreover, his detailed analysis of the situation in August and September 1950, with the interaction between Sino-Soviet moves and American decisions, yields new insights into certain aspects of limited war in the nuclear age. It reveals, in particular, the importance of communication between the two sides, indirectly or through third parties, in order to ensure observance of the limitations and to permit accurate expectations of enemy behavior.

I hope you will find Mr. Whiting's book of interest.

Yours sincerely,

  
L. J. Henderson, Jr

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